

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on 1 Feb 2007. It was the 221st regularly scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

1. Members present/absent and advisors and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-chair
COL James E. Hyers	CSM James W. Harris
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	CSM William Jolley
LTC Clarence R. Collins	SGM Samuel V. MacMaster
LTC James R. Mellish	1SG John J. McCracken (USAF)
CW4 Robert N. Cooper	1SG Jackie Ray
SFC Joseph N. Barnes	
SFC Bennett J. Jergenson	

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Chair	COL Charles A. Block (USMC)
COL William E. Crouch	1SG John J. McCracken (USAF)

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. George W. Steuber, Dep. Garrison CDR	Ms. Lori Yerdon, PAO
Mr. Frank Zerbinos DMWR	Ms. Debra Seimer, AG
Mr. Mike O'Meara, Commissary	Ms. Diane Snodgrass
Mr. Chris Moore, RSO	

2. CSM Frye called the meeting to order at 1140.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
4. Old Business - Select a Guest Speaker and date for the RAD.
5. Committee Reports.

a. Public Affairs - SGM MacMaster provided a calendar of events. Highlights included the AUSA Executive board meeting on 7 Feb, the National Prayer Breakfast on 22 Feb 07 and the AER kick-off Luncheon on 23 Feb 07, all at the Aviators' Landing. Ms Yerdon mentioned that Bill Coker would be retiring from the PAO this month.

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b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported: Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act was reintroduced. Social Security Administration is crediting extra earnings for those with eligible military service. Defense and VA witnesses told a Senate Committee this week about their efforts to improve health care transition for veterans between the military and VA systems including new plans for a single, electronic health record that both military and VA facilities can use.

c. Health Care - LTC Collins stated that COL Kaminski was at a TRICARE conference and had nothing else to report.

d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes informed us that the Volunteer Award Luncheon will be held at the Aviators' Landing 26 Mar 07. The Volunteer Council met on 17 Jan and selected a volunteer of the year.

e. Consolidated Club System - Prime Rib night will be the 1st Saturday of the month, 3 Feb 07.

f. Commissary - Mr. O'Meara stated that the Commissary had plenty of Valentine Candy for Valentine day. He also mentioned that the floor in the commissary would be replaced in the near future.

g. PX - Ms Snodgrass reported that the Post Theater had a free movie this month. Tickets are available at the Food Court. She also stated that on the 12th of February they would be receiving roses for Valentine Day and they would be price to sell.

h. Golf Course - CW4 Cooper stated the Gulf States Retired Military Association will hold its golf tournament on 14-16 May 07. For more information contact Bill McClure at 255-2011. The Golf council also wanted the DMWR to look at doing Intramural League during the winter.

i. Equestrian Center - COL Heath stated the center would be holding the Spring Horse Trials on 3-4 March.

j. Outdoor Recreation - SFC Jengenson reported this year's hunting season has been a very safe one. There will be a Youth hunt on 10 Mar 07. The hog season is underway.

k. Bowling Alley - Nothing to report.

l. RAD - Nothing additional to report (see advisors comments).

6. Advisors' Comments -

a. Mr. Moore informed the council that the CG had approved 26 - 27 Oct 07 for the RAD. The guest speaker that we wanted is not available so a recommendation was made

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to ask John Benedict from DFAS to come and speak and have COL Kaminski try to get someone from the TRICARE to come and speak.

b. Mr. Steuber spoke about on-going construction in the housing area. There are going to be 15 minor and four major renovations per month. He also stated that no one would be displaced during this time unless they choose to do so.

7. New Business - None.

8. The meeting adjourned at 1240. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviators' Landing on 1 Mar 07 at 1130.

Approved via-email

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COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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CSM, Retired

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